

Special Events and Notices

By Judy Barnes, Editor Emeritus

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the info number for that event.

Wednesday Senior Lunch at Big Red September Menu

Sept. 5—Lemon chicken, rice, and salad

Sept. 12—Pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, and chips

Sept. 19—Chicken Caesar salad and dinner rolls

Sept. 26—Meatloaf, baked potato casserole, and salad
Rolls and butter are served with each meal except sandwiches. Dessert is also provided.

An activity of Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership. Meals are provided by Pinecrest Catering, Palmer Lake; Nikki McDonald, executive chef, 481-3307.

Monument Celebration Festival and Parade, Sept. 3

The Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce has rescheduled its Street Fair for Labor Day, **Sept. 3**, to take the place of the one cancelled on the Fourth of July due to the Waldo Canyon Fire. Start the day with a pancake breakfast, 7-10 a.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church, 55 Jefferson St. At 10 a.m. watch the parade down Second Street (from Mitchell to Beacon Lite). The theme this year is "Strength through Unity," honoring our Tri-Lakes Emergency Services. After the parade, stroll the street fair down Front Street and visit Limbach Park for live music, a beer and wine garden, and fun for the whole family until 5 p.m. Also following the parade, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will be an open house at Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District 1, 18650 Highway 105. For more details, phone the chamber, 481-3282, visit www.trilakeschamber.com, or email office@trilakeschamber.com.

September is Military Suicide Awareness Month

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars has designated September as Military Suicide Awareness Month. Approximately 18 veterans and one active-duty service member commit suicide each day. By working together to help these service members and spread awareness, we can reduce the risks. The Ladies Auxiliary has adopted the blue teardrop as the symbol for Military Suicide Awareness. They ask that you wear a teardrop every day, especially in September. This small symbol is pow-

erful in that it opens conversations regarding its purpose. MSgt. William J. Crawford, Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7829, Monument, has jewelry-style blue teardrops that you can receive by making a donation. The funds are used to assist organizations that focus on helping the veterans and military at risk. For more information, contact President Martine Arndt at 487-9225.

Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District board vacancy; apply by Sept. 10

A vacancy exists on the Board of Directors of the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District. This vacancy will be filled by appointment, and the appointee will serve until the next regular election. All qualified and interested parties are encouraged to apply. To qualify, applicants must be a registered voter of Colorado and a resident of the district for at least 30 days or own (or be the spouse of the owner) of taxable real or personal property situated in the district. Qualified candidates should submit a letter of interest to the district by **Sept. 10**, 4:30 p.m., to the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Administrative Building, 166 Second St., or mail to P.O. Box 2668, Monument, CO 80132. For more information, call 484-0911.

Black Forest Food Drive, Sept. 7-16

The Black Forest AARP Chapter will sponsor a food drive for the Black Forest Cares Food Pantry **Sept. 7-16**. The project is the chapter's 2012 Day of Service project and supports the Drive to End Hunger. The annual Day of Service was created to rekindle the spirit of unity, service, and compassion shared by so many following the attacks of 9/11. Donations of nonperishable food items or cash can be dropped off at one of the following merchant locations: Black Forest Fire & Rescue, Black Forest Jeweler, Colorado Cats, D & D Ranch, Fire House on the Run, Nizhomi Health Center, R & R Coffee & Cafe, Rockin' B Feed and Supply, Magic Moments Pre-School, Black Forest Pies & Grinders, Paws N Tails Hydrotherapy Pool, and the Black Forest Postal Service and Convenience Store. Persons interested in community service activities may contact the Black Forest Chapter President, Chuck Karlstrum, 749-9227. Chapter membership is \$10 per year. All are welcome.

TLWC'S Tradition of Community Support Continues

This year the Tri-Lakes Women's Club (TLWC) awarded \$49,600 to qualified organizations in the Tri-Lakes community. In May, 18 organizations were notified by TLWC that the grant request they submitted in March was approved. By charter, the club can award grants to public service and nonprofit organizations and public schools. Generally, the awards are used for programs or items that would not be obtainable from other resources if it were not for this grant. TLWC is proud to be able to support our community in this way. TLWC is also proud to be supported by this great community. If it were not for the support the club receives for its fundraising events from local businesses, this level of TLWC community support would not be possible. Also, many thousands of hours volunteered by club members round out the formula for this success.

Wine, Roses and More, Oct. 27

The Tri-Lakes Women's Club (TLWC) will present Wine, Roses and More, its fall fundraising event, **Oct. 27**, 6-9 p.m., at the Pinery, 12375 Black Forest Rd. The evening features celebrity wine servers, fine wine tasting, Serrano's coffee bar, great local chefs, a raffle and silent auction, and more. Proceeds benefit the Tri-Lakes community. Tickets are \$65 and may be purchased online or from a TLWC member. For more information or tickets, visit tlwc.net.

Handbell ringers needed

The Tri-Lakes Community Handbell Choir is looking for some new ringers to begin in the fall, preferably experienced ringers or people who can read music, high school-age through adult. If you are interested, please contact Betty Jenik, 488-3953, or email ljenik@comcast.net.

Reverse 911

With the heightened concern for fire danger along the Front Range, many people want to sign up their home or cell phone for reverse emergency notification. The El Paso-Teller E-911 Authority Emergency Notification System is used to notify residents of any potential emergencies in their neighborhood. To sign up, go to <https://elptc911.onthealert.com>.

Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District seeks board members

Do you love your local library? Would you like to help preserve and promote the Pikes Peak Library District? The Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District is looking for new Board of Directors members. To apply, go to www.friendsppld.org and click on the Board of Directors application. For more information, call 531-6333, x1008.

Slash-Mulch season ends this month

The El Paso County Black Forest Slash and Mulch season is winding down. Slash (tree and shrub debris; no stumps, roots, weeds, grass, lumber trash, etc.) drop-off ends **Sept. 9**. Mulch pickup ends **Sept. 22** or when mulch runs out. Hours of operation are: Saturdays, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5-7:30 p.m. The mulch loader schedule is Saturdays only, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. The loader fee is \$4 per bucket, about 2 cubic yards. The slash and mulch site is located at the southeast corner of Shoup and Herring Roads in the Black Forest area.

The program is a wildfire mitigation and recycling effort sponsored by El Paso County, co-sponsored by the Colorado Forestry Association and the Black Forest Fire Department, in cooperation with Colorado State Forest Service and the State Board of Land Commissioners. The program's purpose is to teach forest management practices and to encourage residents to clear adequate defensible space surrounding their structures by thinning trees and shrubs to reduce the spread of fire. Spreading mulch on the forest floor holds moisture, delays the spread of weeds, and provides nutrients to the forest. For more information visit bflash.org or call Ruth Ann Steele 495-3107, Carolyn Brown, 495-3127, Jeff DeWitt, 495-8024, or the county Environmental Division, 520-7878.

El Paso County Citizens' College; enroll by Sept. 28

This year's College will take place on consecutive Saturdays, **Oct. 13 and 20**, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or earlier. Citizens' College provides participants the opportunity to learn about the multifaceted statutory functions and services that the county provides to its residents. County officials, administrators, and affiliated agency leaders serve as instructors. The syllabus will cover a wide range of topics, including County Government 101, Child/Adult Protection and Economic Assistance Programs, Criminal Prosecution and Investigation, Public Health and Safety, Road and Bridge Operations and Maintenance, Land Use and Zoning Regulations, Parks and Recreation Programs, Environmental Services, Property Tax Assessments and Collections, County Budget and Finance, Q&A With County Commissioners and more. This year's College will incorporate video and other media to help illustrate county government in action and will include "field trips" to the Criminal Justice Center and El Paso County Coroner's Office so that students can learn firsthand about the county's public safety and justice operations. For more information and to apply online, visit www.elpasoco.com/citizenscollege. Applications are due by **Sept. 28**.

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